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AND EVEN IF I COULD...


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OAKHEART...
HOW DARE YOU HUNT IN THUNDERCLAN TERRITORY?!
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AFTER TONIGHT...
...SUNNINGROCKS WILL BELONG TO RIVERCLAN!


TIGERCLAW!
THERE ARE TOO MANY! THUNDERCLAN MUST RETREAT!
THUNDERCLAN HAS NOT BEEN DEFEATED IN ITS OWN TERRITORY SINCE I BECAME LEADER.
THESE ARE DIFFICULT TIMES FOR US.


THE SEASON OF NEWLEAF IS LATE, AND THERE HAVE BEEN FEWER KITS.
IF THUNDERCLAN IS TO SURVIVE...
...WE MUST HAVE NEW WARRIORS.
BLUESTAR, LOOK!


IT MUST BE A MESSAGE...
...FROM STARCLAN!
SPOTTEDLEAF, WHAT DOES IT--
...fire...
...FIRE ALONE...
...CAN SAVE OUR CLAN!



PART ONE:
INTO THE WILD




SNIFF SNIFF
CRONCH


DREAMING OF MICE...
...AGAIN.
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
RUSTY
gulp!
TINK
TNKL
TNK!
TINK.


HELLO, RUSTY!
OH, HEY, SMUDGE!
PRINCESS!


YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF GOING INTO THOSE WOODS, ARE YOU?
JUST FOR A LOOK!
ISN'T THAT A BIT... DANGEROUS?
RUSTY, YOU KNOW WHAT HENRY SAYS ABOUT THE WOODS, RIGHT?
HE SAYS THE WOODS ARE FULL OF DANGEROUS ANIMALS WITH BIG, SHARP TEETH...
LIKE BIG, MEAN WILDCATS WHO EAT LIVE RABBITS FOR BREAKFAST AND THEN SHARPEN THEIR CLAWS ON OLD BONES! AND THEN--
I'M JUST GOING FOR A LOOK, OKAY?
TNK
PLEASE BE CAREFUL, RUSTY!
WATCH OUT FOR WILDCATS, RUSTY!
OKAY, OKAY...


TNKL-
TNK!
sniff
sniff
tnk
WAIT.
WHAT'S THAT?
TNK!


TP
TP
KRCH!
TPT
TNK
...PAW STEPS?
TP
TP
TP
TINK!
MMRROW!
TNK
TNK


TINK
TNK
TNK
TNKL
HE'S STILL CHASING ME!
TNK!
TNK!


FINE!
I'D RATHER GO DOWN FIGHTING!
COME ON--
TNK
BOOF!


PAFF!
HISSS!!!
HEY THERE, KITTYPET!
Kitty-what?
YOU PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT FOR A TAME LITTLE THING...
...BUT DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS HERE IN THE WOODS?


IF *YOU'RE* THE MOST DANGEROUS THING OUT HERE, I THINK I CAN HANDLE IT!
WHO, ME?
DEFINITELY NOT!
I'M GRAYPAW!
I'M STILL IN *TRAINING* TO BE A *THUNDERCLAN WARRIOR.*
I'M AN *APPRENTICE.*
IF I WAS A FULL WARRIOR...
I'D HAVE GIVEN YOU SOME *REAL* WOUNDS TO THINK ABOUT!
AAAAANYWAY...
IT'S NOT WORTH IT TO HURT YOU, SINCE YOU'RE *CLEARLY* NOT FROM ONE OF THE OTHER *WARRIOR CLANS!*
OTHER WARRIOR CLANS? THERE ARE *MORE* OF YOU?



YOU MUST HAVE HEARD OF THE FOUR WARRIOR CLANS?
...
EACH CLAN IS A GROUP OF WILD CATS THAT LIVE AROUND HERE.
THESE ARE THE FOUR CLANS:
FIERCE AND HONORABLE THUNDERCLAN...
SLEEK AND POWERFUL RIVERCLAN...
...WISE AND SWIFT WINDCLAN...
...AND PROUD, CRUEL SHADOWCLAN.


GRAYPAW.
THAT'S ENOUGH.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SO CLOSE TO TWOLEGPLACE?
AND WHO...
...IS THIS?
H-HE'S JUST A TWOLEG PET, BLUESTAR!
HEY--
PAT PAT
TINK!
HE'S NOT AN ENEMY WARRIOR, HE'S JUST A LITTLE KITTYPET!


SHOW SOME RESPECT!
but--!
THAT'S BLUESTAR, LEADER OF THUNDERCLAN, AND LIONHEART, MY MENTOR!
HISS!!!
PAF!
THANK YOU, GRAYPAW.
I HAVE PATROLLED THIS BORDER AND SEEN YOU LOOKING OUT AT THE FOREST MANY TIMES NOW.
I WONDERED WHEN YOU WOULD FINALLY DARE TO SET PAW OUT HERE.


YOU USED YOUR WITS TO DEFEND YOURSELF AND REACTED BRAVELY.
WELL DONE.
BLUESTAR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT...
THIS IS STILL A *KITTYPET!*
GO HOME, AND STOP WANDERING AROUND WHERE YOU'RE NOT WELCOME!
BUT!
I JUST WANTED A MOUSE!
THERE MUST BE ENOUGH TO SPARE JUST *ONE*--
THERE IS **NEVER** ENOUGH!

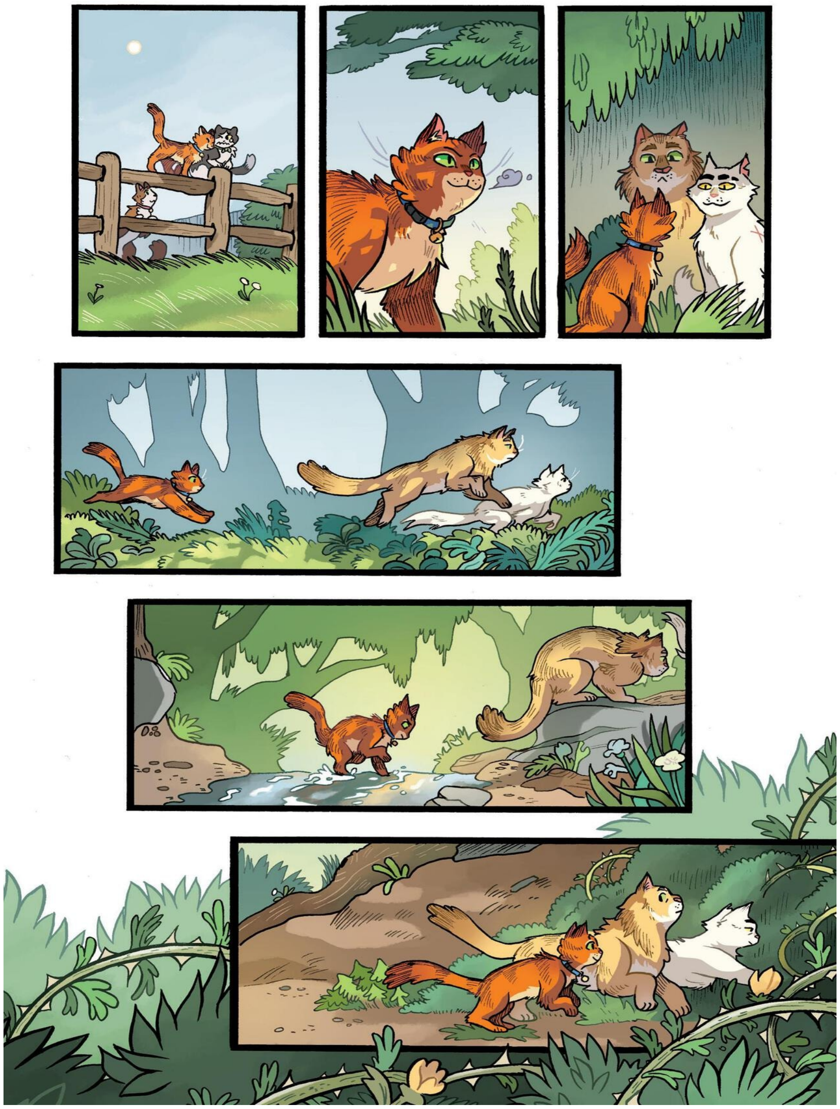

HOW DARE YOU HUNT FOR SPORT WHERE WE STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE?!
...
I SEE. I APOLOGIZE.
I WON'T HUNT HERE AGAIN.
PERHAPS YOU MIGHT.
WHAT IS YOUR NAME, KITTYPET?
TNK!


I'M CALLED RUSTY.
WELL, RUSTY...
...WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US IN THUNDERCLAN?
YOU WOULD TRAIN TO BECOME A WARRIOR, LIKE GRAYPAW.
BUT--
BLUESTAR!
KITTYPETS CAN'T BE WARRIORS!
I'M ONLY OFFERING HIM A CHANCE, AND A CHOICE.
BLUESTAR, ARE YOU SURE--
I DO NOT MAKE THIS OFFER LIGHTLY, RUSTY.
PFF
THUNDERCLAN NEEDS MORE WARRIORS.


YOU CANNOT LIVE WITH A PAW IN BOTH WORLDS.
IF YOU WISH TO JOIN US, YOU WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE *EASY LIFE* YOU HAVE NOW.
THE FOREST IS **CRUEL** AND **DANGEROUS**, AND THE CLAN DEMANDS GREAT LOYALTY AND HARD WORK.
BUT IN RETURN...
...THE STRENGTH AND FELLOWSHIP OF THUNDERCLAN WILL **ALWAYS** BE WITH YOU, EVEN WHEN YOU HUNT ALONE.
YOU WILL LIVE WITH US.
YOU WILL LEARN OUR WAY OF LIFE.
YOU WILL TRAIN TO BECOME...
...A WARRIOR.


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SO THOSE...
...ARE WARRIORS.
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...SO POWERFUL, AND FREE!
COULD A CAT LIKE ME EVER BE LIKE THEM?
AND EVEN IF I COULD...


...CAN I REALLY LEAVE MY OLD LIFE BEHIND?
RUSTY
BUT IN MY HEART...
... I KNEW MY ANSWER THE MOMENT I STEPPED INTO THOSE WOODS.




THIS IS THE THUNDERCLAN CAMP.
HIGHROCK
MEDICINE CAT'S DEN
THE NURSERY
BLUESTAR'S DEN
THE ELDERS' DEN
THE WARRIORS' DEN
THE FRESHKILL PILE
THE APPRENTICES' DEN
GORSE TUNNEL



HE CAME...
LIONHEART WAS *SURE* HE WOULDN'T.
I THINK HE KEPT UP PRETTY WELL FOR A KITTYPET, THOUGH!
I WAS JUST MANAGING MY *EXPECTATIONS*, WHITESTORM.
LET ALL CATS OLD ENOUGH TO CATCH THEIR OWN PREY...
GATHER BENEATH THE HIGHROCK FOR A CLAN MEETING!
I'M SURE YOU ARE ALL AWARE OF HOW DESPERATELY THUNDERCLAN NEEDS NEW WARRIORS.
HERE I HAVE FOUND A NEWCOMER WILLING TO TRAIN AS AN APPRENTICE.



WHERE DOES HE COME FROM?
WHO IS HE?
I DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT CLAN SCENT!
LOOK AT HIS COLLAR!
THAT'S NO CLAN CAT! THAT'S A KITTYPET!
HE'D JUST BE ANOTHER SOFT MOUTH TO FEED.
HE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO DEFEND THUNDERCLAN LIKE A WILD-BORN CAT!
IF YOUR TWOLEG STENCH DOESN'T GIVE US AWAY TO EVERY ENEMY WARRIOR IN THE TERRITORIES...
THAT LITTLE BELL COLLAR WILL!
RUSTY.
TINK!


LONGTAIL SMELLS YOUR FEAR.
WE ALL DO.
THIS IS A CHALLENGE.
PROVE TO ALL OF THUNDERCLAN...
THAT YOU WON'T BACK DOWN!


RRROWR!!!


YOWL!
TNK
TINK
HISSS!!
TNK
TINK!
TNK!
TINK


SNAP!
ENOUGH.


TPT!
STARCLAN HAS SHOWN THEIR APPROVAL!
BY THROWING OFF HIS COLLAR, THIS CAT FREES HIMSELF FROM HIS TWOLEGS.
YOU FIGHT LIKE A FLASH OF FIRE, YOUNG ONE.
AND NOW, FROM THIS DAY FORWARD...
YOU SHALL BE KNOWN AS FIREPAW!
FIREPAW!
FIREPA
FIREPAW!
FIREPAW!
AN APPRENTICE OF THUNDERCLAN!
huff huff
GASP!
B-BLUESTAR...!


TH-THERE WAS A BATTLE--
OAKHEART ATTACKED AT SUNNINGROCKS AGAIN!
REDTAIL...
he...
REDTAIL, THE DEPUTY OF THUNDERCLAN...
IS DEAD.
FAINT!


REDTAIL!!
TIGERCLAW, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
HE DIED WITH HONOR, STRUCK DOWN IN BATTLE.
OAKHEART IS THE DEPUTY OF RIVERCLAN. HE'S A FEARSOME WARRIOR.
I COULDN'T SAVE REDTAIL, BUT I WAS ABLE TO AVENGE HIM...
I TOOK OAKHEART'S LIFE AS HE GLOATED OVER THE VICTORY.
HIS DEATH WASN'T IN VAIN, BLUESTAR.
RIVERCLAN WON'T BE COMING BACK TO SUNNINGROCKS ANYTIME SOON.
I SEE.
WELL FOUGHT, TIGERCLAW.



I WILL SIT VIGIL WITH REDTAIL TONIGHT.
AS IS OUR CUSTOM...
A NEW DEPUTY WILL BE NAMED BEFORE NEXT MOONHIGH.
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
HIS SPIRIT MAY HAVE GONE TO STARCLAN...
...BUT THE CLAN IS SHARING TONGUES WITH HIM ONE LAST TIME.
STARCLAN?
THEY'RE OUR ANCESTORS WHO WATCH OVER ALL CLAN CATS.
YOU CAN SEE THEM UP IN SILVERPELT AS STARS AT NIGHT.


AFTER HONORABLE WARRIORS DIE, THEY JOIN THE STARS.
EACH ONE IS A **STARCLAN WARRIOR** WHO ONCE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE US, NOW WATCHING US FROM ABOVE.
REDTAIL JOINS THEM TONIGHT.
WELL, **SPOTTEDLEAF?**
WILL RAVENPAW RECOVER, OR WAS ALL MY TRAINING HIM UP **WASTED?**



I SAID, WILL HE LIVE?!
MLEM!
OF COURSE. RAVENPAW JUST NEEDS SOME REST.
NOT SO FAST, TIGERCLAW.
WE DON'T WANT TO REOPEN HIS WOUNDS.
LEAVE HIM ALONE.
EVEN YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO ARGUE WITH A MEDICINE CAT.
YES, SPOTTEDLEAF...
WHO'S THIS?
FIREPAW, THE NEW APPRENTICE!

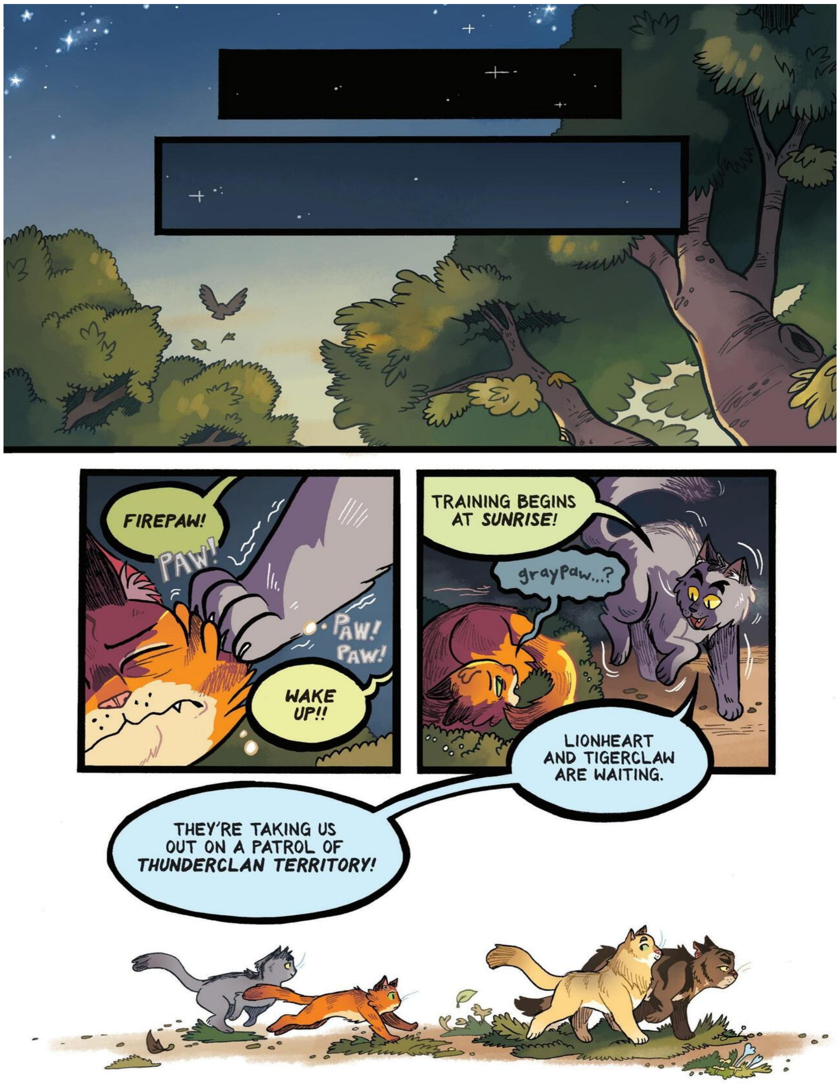

HE SMELLS LIKE A KITTYPET.
I USED TO BE ONE...
...BUT NOW I'M TRAINING TO BE A WARRIOR!
HM.
WELL, FIREPAW, I WILL WATCH YOUR PROGRESS WITH INTEREST.
WHOA!
HE WAS SO BIG!
DO YOU THINK HE LIKES ME?
TIGERCLAW? I DON'T THINK HE LIKES ANY APPRENTICES.
FIREPAW...
Y'KNOW, HE IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE THE NEXT DEPUTY, THOUGH.
SMALLEAR THINKS SO, AND HE'S OLDER AND WISER THAN ANY CAT!
Wow, really?
COULD HE BE...?
LET ALL CATS OLD ENOUGH TO CATCH THEIR OWN PREY GATHER FOR A CLAN MEETING!

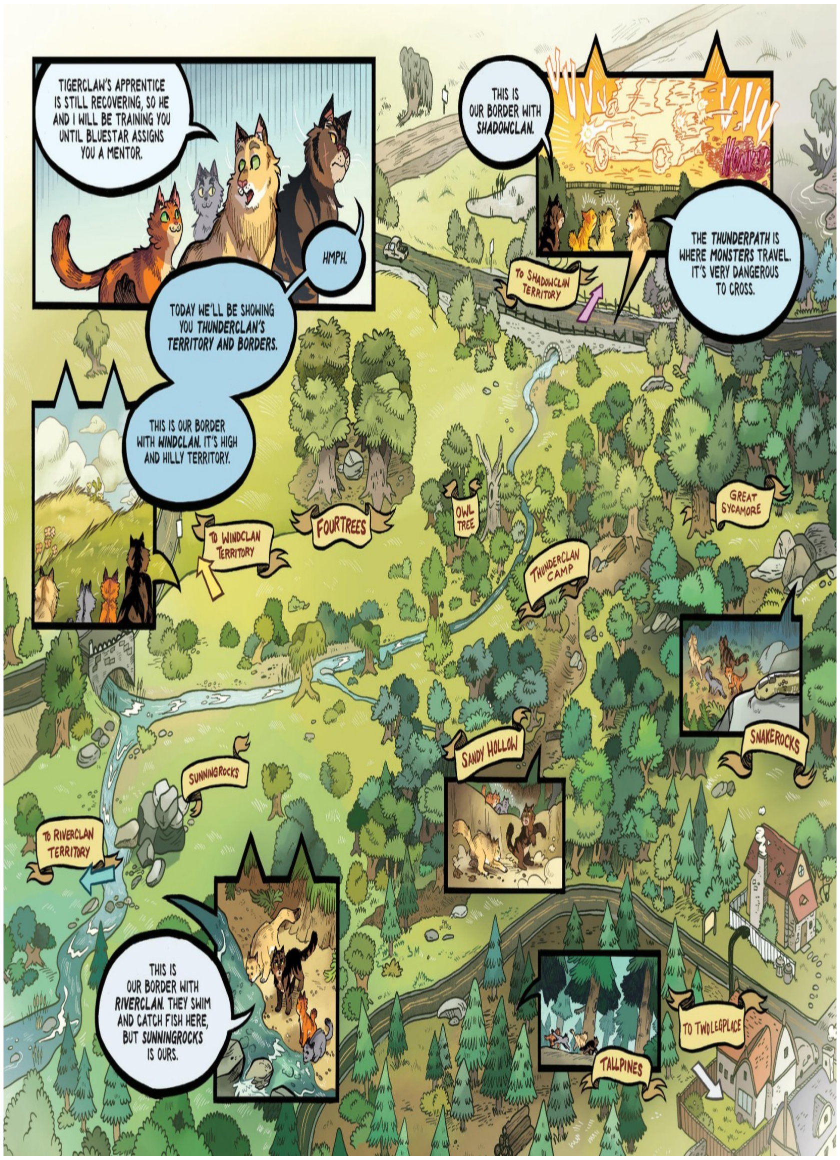

THE TIME HAS COME TO APPOINT A NEW DEPUTY.
FIRST, WE MUST GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF REDTAIL.
HE SITS WITH HIS FELLOW WARRIORS IN STARCLAN NOW.
I NAME THIS NEW DEPUTY SO THAT HIS SPIRIT CAN HEAR AND APPROVE MY CHOICE.
THE NEW DEPUTY OF THUNDERCLAN WILL BE...
LIONHEART.


LIONHEART!
LIONHEART!
LIONHEART!
LIONHEART!
LIONHEART!
CONGRATULATIONS!
REDTAIL WAS ALSO MENTOR TO DUSTPAW.
I HAVE DECIDED...
DARKSTRIPE, YOU HAD A FINE MENTOR IN TIGERCLAW.
YAY, DARKSTRIPE!
I EXPECT YOU TO PASS THAT EXCELLENT TRAINING ONTO YOUNG DUSTPAW, AS HIS NEW MENTOR.
C'MON, I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE THE APPRENTICES SLEEP.



WE'RE SUPPOSED TO SLEEP WITH THAT KITTYPET STENCH IN HERE?!
BLEHHH!!
THAT'S SANDPAW. DON'T LISTEN TO HER.
FEELING ANY BETTER, RAVENPAW?
NOD NOD
HERE, FIREPAW...
THERE'S SPACE NEXT TO ME!
KNEAD KNEAD
YAWN!


FIREPAW!
PAW!
PAW!
PAW!
WAKE UP!!
TRAINING BEGINS AT SUNRISE!
graypaw...?
LIONHEART AND TIGERCLAW ARE WAITING.
THEY'RE TAKING US OUT ON A PATROL OF THUNDERCLAN TERRITORY!


TIGERCLAW'S APPRENTICE IS STILL RECOVERING, SO HE AND I WILL BE TRAINING YOU UNTIL BLUESTAR ASSIGNS YOU A MENTOR.
HMPH.
TODAY WE'LL BE SHOWING YOU THUNDERCLAN'S TERRITORY AND BORDERS.
THIS IS OUR BORDER WITH WINDCLAN. IT'S HIGH AND HILLY TERRITORY.
TO WINDCLAN TERRITORY
FOURTREES
OWL TREE
THIS IS OUR BORDER WITH SHADOWCLAN.
THE THUNDERPATH IS WHERE MONSTERS TRAVEL. IT'S VERY DANGEROUS TO CROSS.
TO SHADOWCLAN TERRITORY
GREAT SYCAMORE
THUNDERCLAN CAMP
SANDY HOLLOW
SNAKEROCKS
SUNNINGROCKS
TO RIVERCLAN TERRITORY
THIS IS OUR BORDER WITH RIVERCLAN. THEY SWIM AND CATCH FISH HERE, BUT SUNNINGROCKS IS OURS.
TALLPINES
TO TWOLEGPLACE


AND THIS...
IS FOURTREES, WHERE ALL FOUR CLAN TERRITORIES INTERSECT.
FOUR GREAT OAKS, ONE FOR EACH CLAN.
WOW...
WE WARRIORS DRAW STRENGTH FROM OUR CLAN LOYALTIES AND RIVALRIES.
THEY MAKE US WHO WE ARE.
BUT EVERY FULL MOON...
IT IS TRADITION FOR THE CLANS TO GATHER IN PEACE TO SHARE NEWS AND STORIES.
WAIT, THAT MEANS THERE'S ONE TONIGHT, RIGHT?
FAST LEARNER!
ARE FIREPAW AND I GOING THIS TIME?
NO.


HEY, KITTYPET!
ENJOY THE FOOD THAT WE CAUGHT.
YOU MIGHT EVEN LEARN TO CATCH YOUR OWN, ONE DAY!
SANDPAW. DUSTPAW.
PATROLLING AND KEEPING OUR TERRITORY SAFE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS HUNTING.
uh-huh.
LONGTAIL WAS RIGHT.
HE'S JUST A SOFT LITTLE MOUTH TO FEED.
C'MON FIREPAW.
LET'S GO EAT WITH RAVENPAW.


TODAY WE'LL BE WORKING ON YOUR HUNTING STALKS.
NOW, A RABBIT WILL SMELL YOU COMING, BUT A MOUSE WILL HEAR AND FEEL YOU FIRST...
SO THAT MEANS...?
STEP LIGHTLY?
VERY GOOD, FIREPAW!
LIKE THIS, SEE?
nngh!
PATHETIC.
LOPSIDED AND WHIMPERING OVER YOUR INJURIES.
YOU'RE WORSE AT THIS THAN THE KITTYPET.
AND I'M THE MOST LOPSIDED OF ALL!
...MAYBE WE SHOULD MOVE ON TO THE PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT.


I WANT EACH OF YOU TO GO CATCH AND BRING BACK A PIECE OF PREY.
CONCENTRATE, FIREPAW!
SNIFF
SNIFF
YOU'RE A CLAN CAT NOW!
YOU CAN DO THIS!
JUST LIKE LIONHEART SAID...



WEIGHT ON MY HAUNCHES...
...PAWSTEPS LIGHT...
...CAREFUL...
...EYES UNBLINKING...
...FOCUSED...
...YES!!


I DID IT.
SQUE--
CRNCH!
I CAUGHT MY FIRST PREY...
...AS A THUNDERCLAN CAT!


Ahhhh-
HOLD ON, FIREPAW!
WARRIORS CANNOT EAT UNTIL THE REST OF THE CLAN IS FED.
IT'S AGAINST THE WARRIOR CODE.
GRMMBLL
YOU'VE DONE WELL TODAY, THOUGH.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE YOUR CATCH BACK TO THE ELDERS?


DON'T BE SHY!
SHARE A LITTLE WITH US!
AFTER ALL, WE CAN'T HAVE OUR GROWING APPRENTICE WARRIORS GOING HUNGRY...
especially when there's so few of them--
OH, DON'T BE SO GRIM, HALFTAIL!
GO AHEAD!
CHOMP!
CATCHING AND EATING MY OWN PREY...
...TRULY, THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WARRIOR!
LEAF-BARE WAS HARD THIS YEAR, BUT IT WAS HARD ON ALL OF THE CLANS.
AND, DON'T FORGET, FROSTFUR IS EXPECTING KITS, TOO!
MUNCH
MUNCH
CHOMP
TASTY, HUH?
THEY'LL MAKE WARRIORS OF YOU, YET!


THE NEXT TWO MOONS PASS BY IN A FLASH.
GRAYPAW, RAVENPAW, AND I TRAIN HARD TOGETHER TO LEARN THE WAYS OF THE FOREST AND THE WARRIOR CODE.
LIFE IN THE WOODS ISN'T EASY...
...BUT I CAN'T SHOW ANY WEAKNESS.
I CAN'T SHOW ANY DOUBTS.
I WILL BECOME A WARRIOR!


SPOTTEDLEAF?
LIONHEART SENT ME TO GATHER THESE HERBS FOR YOU!
THANK YOU.
I hope they're the right ones...
FIREPAW, RIGHT?
SO, HAS BLUESTAR ASSIGNED YOU A MENTOR YET?



NOT YET.
LIONHEART AND TIGERCLAW ARE BOTH TRAINING ME UNTIL SHE DECIDES.
I SEE...
THAT'S A LOT OF PRESSURE!
IT'S A BIG DESTINY TO LIVE UP TO...
BUT I THINK YOU'LL MAKE A FINE WARRIOR.
MAY STARCLAN LIGHT YOUR PATH, LITTLE FLAME!

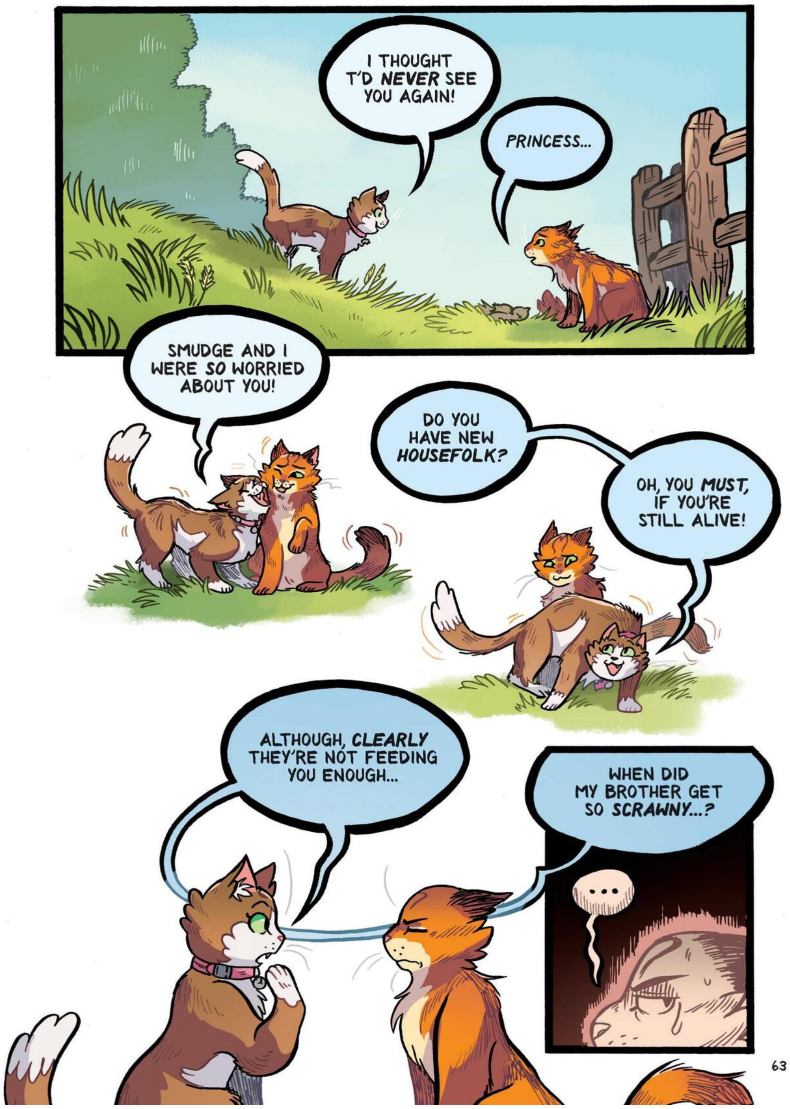

ARE YOU READY FOR TIGERCLAW'S HUNTING ASSESSMENT TODAY?
A NICE BIT OF EXERCISE SHOULD WARM ME UP, HONESTLY!
but you never know with Tigerclaw...
RUSTLE!
LIONHEART AND I HAVE SPENT THE LAST TWO MOONS TRYING TO TEACH YOU TO HUNT DECENTLY.
THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED.
FOR THIS ASSESSMENT...
...EACH OF YOU WILL TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE AND HUNT AS MUCH PREY AS YOU CAN FIND.


RAVENPAW, YOU WILL FOLLOW THE TRAIL PAST THE GREAT SYCAMORE TO SNAKEROCKS.
THAT SHOULD BE EASY ENOUGH FOR YOUR PITIFUL SKILLS.
GRAYPAW, THE ROUTE ALONG THE STREAM.
hooray, wet paws for me!
AND YOU, FIREPAW...
...WILL GO THROUGH TALLPINES TO THE TWOLEGPLACE WOODS.
AND REMEMBER...
I WILL BE WATCHING ALL OF YOU.


SNAKEROCKS, EASY?!
THERE'S NO WAY ANY BIRDS OR MICE ARE GOING TO BE HANGING AROUND THERE.
PLUS HE'LL HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR ADDERS...
WELL, AT LEAST RAVENPAW'S ALWAYS QUICK ON HIS PAWS!
GOOD LUCK, FIREPAW!
SEE YOU BACK AT CAMP!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
THERE!
CRUNCH!
I'D BETTER KEEP GOING.


WAIT.
THAT SMELL...


THIS IS...
...MY OLD TWOLEG NEST.
TINK!
TINK!
RUSTY?!
OH, RUSTY! IT IS YOU!



I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
PRINCESS...
SMUDGE AND I WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
DO YOU HAVE NEW HOUSEFOLK?
OH, YOU MUST, IF YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
ALTHOUGH, CLEARLY THEY'RE NOT FEEDING YOU ENOUGH...
WHEN DID MY BROTHER GET SO SCRAWNY...?
...


I'M CALLED *FIREPAW* NOW--
AND I FEED *MYSELF.*
I'M HUNTING FOR THE CLAN RIGHT NOW, SEE?
WOWWW!
YOU MEAN YOU'VE BEEN LIVING WITH THE *WILDCATS* THIS WHOLE TIME?!
WELL, WHAT'S IT LIKE?
LIVING *WILD?*
LIVING WILD...
I...


I KNOW WHO I AM, NOW.
IN THUNDERCLAN, I AM THE CAT THAT I ALWAYS DREAMED OF BEING.


I SEE.
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, RUSTY--
FIREPAW.
PRRR
PURR
ANYWAY, IT'S DINNER TIME!
GOTTA GO!
IT'S WET FOOD NIGHT!
I SIMPLY CAN'T MISS "QUEEN KITTY CHICKEN ENTREE™"!
TINK!
TNK!
GOODBYE, FIREPAW!


WOW!
NICE CATCH, FIREPAW!
ALL I GOT WAS A COUPLE OF SQUIRRELS.
mmph...?
RAVENPAW? NO, HE'S NOT BACK YET. I HOPE HE DIDN'T GET BITTEN...
WHOA!!!
GREAT JOB, RAVENPAW!
YOU CAUGHT THIS?!
APPRENTICES.


...
NOD
FIREPAW.
BLUESTAR WANTS TO SEE YOU.
NOW.
TIGERCLAW SAW YOU MEET WITH A STRANGE KITTYPET.
HE SAID YOU SHARED TONGUES WITH HER.
...IS THIS TRUE?
BLUESTAR, I ...


THAT WAS MY SISTER. WE WERE KITTENS TOGETHER.
I HADN'T SEEN HER SINCE...
...SINCE I WAS A *KITTYPET.*
DO YOU MISS YOUR OLD LIFE, FIREPAW?
NO!
DO YOU WISH TO LEAVE THE CLAN?
OF COURSE NOT! THIS IS *MY HOME NOW!*
I NEED *MORE* THAN THAT, FIREPAW. I NEED TO BE ABLE TO TRUST YOUR *LOYALTY.*
SHADOWCLAN MAY BE PLANNING AN ATTACK SOON.
THUNDERCLAN HAS *NO ROOM* FOR ANY CAT WHO ISN'T SURE IF THEIR HEART LIES IN THE *PAST* OR THE *PRESENT.*


...
WHEN I SAW PRINCESS TODAY
--MY KITTYPET SISTER--
I SAW WHAT MY LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE WITH TWOLEGS.
I WOULD BE *SAFE* AND *WELL-FED*, BUT MY LIFE WOULD BE SOFT.
SMALL AND UNREWARDING.
LONELY.
I WAS HAPPY I DIDN'T STAY.
I WAS PROUD THAT I HAD LEFT THAT LIFE BEHIND.


BLUESTAR.
I'M CERTAIN I COULD NEVER BE HAPPY AS A KITTYPET.
MY HEART IS HERE, WITH THUNDERCLAN.
...VERY WELL.
blink!
I BELIEVE YOU.


TIGERCLAW SAID YOU DID WELL ON THE HUNTING ASSESSMENT, BY THE WAY.


I EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM YOU, FIREPAW.



PART TWO:
YELLOWFANG




FIREPAW!
MYAAAA!!
I HAVE YOU ON HUNTING DUTY THIS MORNING.
YOU MAY FEED YOURSELF AFTER THE CLAN IS FED, UNDERSTOOD?
YES, LIONHEART!
OH, AND ONE MORE THING...
SHADOWCLAN WARRIORS HAVE BEEN SCENTED AT THE THUNDERPATH BORDER LATELY.
IF YOUR HUNT TAKES YOU THERE, BE CAREFUL AND KEEP YOUR EARS OPEN.
NOD.




GRUMBLL!

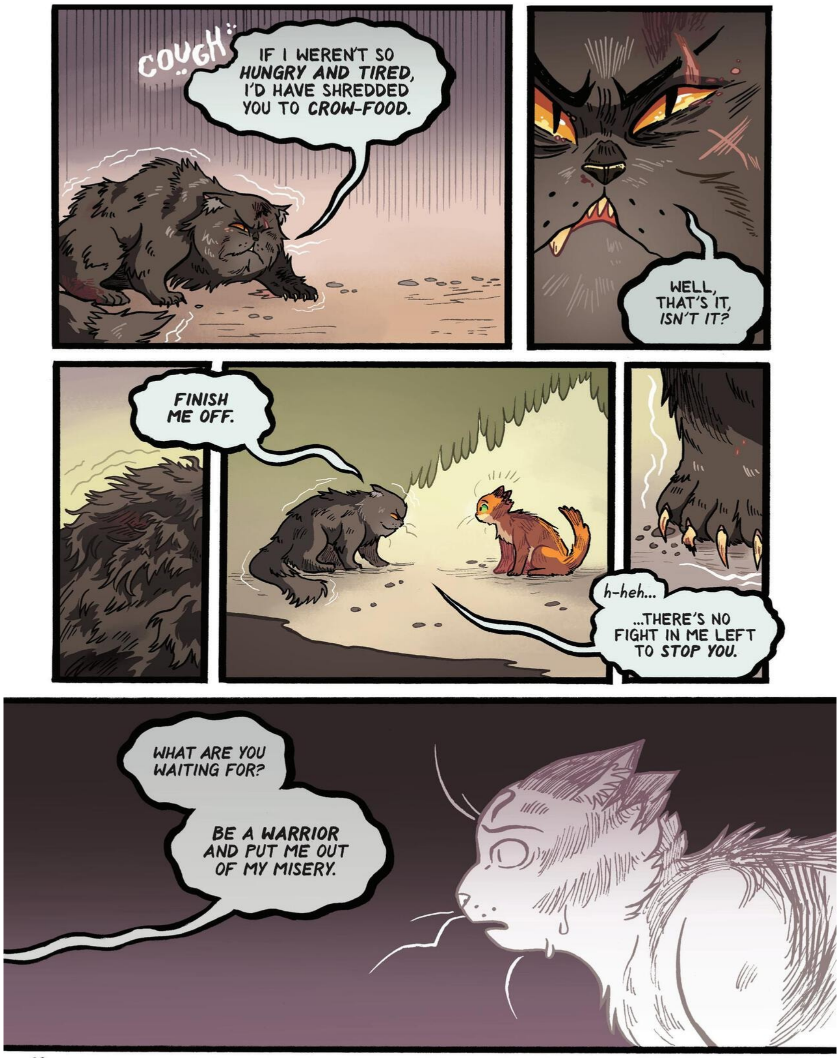

BETRAYED BY
MY OWN STOMACH.
HUFF!
RROWR!!


A PUNY APPRENTICE!
SLAM!!
EASY PREY FOR YELLOWFANG!
MROW!
NOT SUCH EASY PREY, HUH?
CRASH!
COUGH!
HEH...
HHHHHHH


NOT BAD.
BUT YOU'LL NEED TO DO A LOT BETTER, KITTY.
I CAN'T PLACE HER SCENT.
IS THIS ONE OF THE SHADOWCLAN WARRIORS LIONHEART MENTIONED?
HISSSSS!!
THIS IS THUNDERCLAN TERRITORY!
MOVE ON!
SAYS WHO?
I'LL HUNT AS I PLEASE AND LEAVE WHEN I WANT.
OR MAYBE I'LL JUST STAY A WHILE...
ENOUGH!!


SNAP!
REE-OW!!


RRRREEEOW-OW-OW!!!
CHOMP!
HAD ENOUGH?
PANT PANT


COUGH
IF I WEREN'T SO HUNGRY AND TIRED, I'D HAVE SHREDDED YOU TO CROW-FOOD.
WELL, THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT?
FINISH ME OFF.
h-heh...
...THERE'S NO FIGHT IN ME LEFT TO STOP YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
BE A WARRIOR AND PUT ME OUT OF MY MISERY.


...WAIT HERE.
HERE.
PAFF!
WELL, WELL, KITTY!
I THOUGHT YOU'D RUN OFF TO GET YOUR WARRIOR FRIENDS.
LOOK, IF YOU DON'T WANT IT--
OH NO, I DO.


GRMBL
GRMBL
HOMF!
IT'S JUST SCRAPS LEFT OVER...
GRMBL
GRMBLLL
SLURP!
CHOMP!
GRMBL
...SURELY IT WOULDN'T BE AGAINST THE CODE TO JUST EAT A LITTLE...
FIRST FRESH-KILL I'VE HAD FOR DAYS!
RUSTLE!
WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
HEY, FIREPAW.


AN ENEMY CAT, AND BOTH OF YOU RECENTLY FED, BY THE SMELL OF IT.
BLUESTAR! I CAN EXPLAIN!
SHE WAS WEAK, AND STARVING...
...BUT YOU?
I ASSUME YOU HAD A VERY GOOD REASON FOR BREAKING THE WARRIOR CODE YOURSELF...
AND FOR WHAT? THIS MISERABLE BAG OF BONES?
KEEP YOUR CLAWS IN, DARKSTRIPE.
IF MY EYES DO NOT DECEIVE ME, THIS IS NO ORDINARY OUTCAST.
THAT IS YELLOWFANG, THE MEDICINE CAT OF SHADOWCLAN.
HISS!!
I WAS THE SHADOWCLAN MEDICINE CAT.
NOW I CHOOSE TO TRAVEL ALONE.
...
I SEE.


WE'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT BOTH OF YOU BACK AT CAMP.
CAN YOU WALK, YELLOWFANG?
I'VE STILL GOT THREE GOOD LEGS LEFT, YES.
GOOD.
BLUESTAR, ARE YOU SERIOUSLY LEADING AN ENEMY WARRIOR RIGHT INTO THUNDERCLAN CAMP?!
SHE'LL SPREAD OUR SECRETS TO EVERY CAT IN SHADOWCLAN!
YELLOWFANG SAYS SHE'S A LONER NOW.
...AND YOU BELIEVE HER?!
THINK OF IT THIS WAY, TIGERCLAW...
YOU'RE FOCUSED ON HER SHARING THUNDERCLAN SECRETS WITH SHADOWCLAN...
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED HOW MANY OF SHADOWCLAN'S SECRETS SHE MIGHT SHARE WITH US?


DO YOU THINK BLUESTAR WILL KICK ME OUT?
I DON'T WANT TO BE A LONER!
I DON'T THINK SO. BLUESTAR IS VERY FAIR.
PLUS, YOU CAPTURED AN IMPORTANT SHADOWCLAN PRISONER!
I DON'T THINK SHE'LL BE TOO MAD ABOUT YOU FEEDING THE OLD MANGEBAG.
BUT WHY DID I HAVE TO EAT THAT RABBIT!
WELL,
THAT WAS MOUSE-BRAINED OF YOU.
YOU REALLY BROKE THE WARRIOR CODE THERE, BUT NO CAT IS PERFECT.
LET ALL CATS OLD ENOUGH TO CATCH THEIR OWN PREY GATHER BENEATH THE HIGHROCK FOR A CLAN MEETING!



I'M SURE YOU HAVE ALL HEARD ABOUT THE PRISONER WE BROUGHT BACK WITH US TODAY.
YELLOWFANG WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY HERE UNTIL HER STRENGTH RETURNS, AND WILL BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND COURTESY.
DO YOU EXPECT US TO CARE FOR THIS SHADOWCLAN CAT?!
WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH MOUTHS TO FEED AS IT IS!
I TOLD YOU, I AM NO LONGER A SHADOWCLAN CAT!!!
AND I DON'T NEED TO BE CARED FOR!
I'LL SPLIT OPEN THE FIRST CAT THAT TRIES!!
...WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.
HACK COUGH


LIONHEART AND TIGERCLAW HAVE BEEN SPLITTING FIREPAW'S TRAINING DUTIES.
IN ORDER TO SPEED UP OVERALL WARRIOR TRAINING, *I* WILL BE TAKING FIREPAW ON AS *MY OWN APPRENTICE*.
HOWEVER.
FIREPAW *BROKE THE WARRIOR CODE* TODAY, AND I AM NOW ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DECIDING HIS *PUNISHMENT*.
I HAVE DECIDED TO FELL *TWO PREY* WITH *ONE BLOW*...
...FIREPAW, *YOU* WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARING FOR YELLOWFANG.


ALL RIGHT, FIREPAW.
COME AT ME.
SHOW ME WHAT LIONHEART AND TIGERCLAW HAVE TAUGHT YOU SO FAR.
NOD!
RREEEE!!


--OWR?
YOU KNOW, YELLOWFANG WASN'T **ALWAYS** BAD-TEMPERED LIKE THAT.
I THINK I COULD GROW TO LIKE HER.
OOF!


HOWEVER...
THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT HER I STILL DON'T TRUST.
BUT YOU'VE DONE WELL, FIREPAW.
WE CAN CONTINUE YOUR BATTLE TRAINING LATER.
FOR NOW, GO TELL GRAYPAW AND RAVENPAW...
THAT THE THREE OF YOU ARE COMING TO THE GATHERING TONIGHT.
MMOWWFMG!!
MMEWOWFMMG!!
PTOO!
YELLOWFANG, I'M GOING TO THE GATHERING TONIGHT!
...GOOD FOR YOU.


AND SO I SAID,
"YOU GOTTA BE PULLING MY WHISKERS HERE!"
HA
HA HA
GRAYPAW!
RAVENPAW!
WAH!
WHOA!
WE'RE GOING TO THE GATHERING!


WOW...
THERE ARE SO MANY CATS!
I DON'T SEE OR SMELL WINDCLAN ANYWHERE, THOUGH.
THEY MAY JUST BE LATE TONIGHT.
IN THE MEANTIME, YOU SHOULD MINGLE WITH THE OTHER CLANS.
NOD!
THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR ENEMIES.


LOOK, FIREPAW!
UP THERE ON THE GREAT ROCK ARE THE CLAN LEADERS:
THAT'S CROOKEDSTAR, LEADER OF RIVERCLAN.
AND THAT'S BROKENSTAR, OF SHADOWCLAN.
HE LOOKS PRETTY NASTY...
YEAH.
HE HASN'T BEEN LEADER FOR LONG, BUT HE HAS A FIERCE REPUTATION.
HIS FATHER RAGGEDSTAR WAS LEADER BEFORE HIM, AND JUST AS TOUGH.
STILL NO SIGN OF WINDCLAN OR TALLSTAR, THOUGH.
COME ON, LET'S GO MEET SOME CATS!
IT'S NOT EVERY NIGHT WE GET TO COME TO A GATHERING, SO LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF IT!
SO THERE I WAS, PINNED BY THREE RIVERCLAN WARRIORS...


...I WRESTLED WITH THE STRENGTH OF LIONCLAN ITSELF AND THREW THEM OFF, ONE BY ONE...
...BACK BEFORE THE DAYS OF TWOLEGS, OF COURSE, YOU'D FIND IT GROWING EVERYWHERE, AND GREENCOUGH DEATHS WERE COMPLETELY UNHEARD OF...
NOD!
THAT'S WHERE WE COME FROM.
WE ARE ALL DESCENDED FROM THE GREAT WARRIORS...
LIONCLAN, WITH THEIR GOLDEN FUR LIKE THE SUN, GIVES US OUR STRENGTH.
TIGERCLAN, BIG AS HORSES AND DARK-STRIPED, LETS US HUNT AT NIGHT.
LEOPARDCLAN, WITH SPOTTED FUR LIKE PAW PRINTS, MAKES US SWIFT AND AGILE...
WOW!
OH, THERE'S RAVENPAW!


FUR WAS FLYING EVERYWHERE.
FRESH BLOOD SPATTERED THE LEAVES OF THE BRAMBLE BUSHES, BRIGHT RED AGAINST NEWLEAF GREEN.
I HEARD A WARRIOR'S SCREAM--
IT WAS OAKHEART!
REDTAIL RACED PAST ME, HIS MOUTH DRIPPING WITH BLOOD.
"OAKHEART IS DEAD!" HE YOWLED.
WOW, I HAD NO IDEA RAVENPAW WAS SUCH A GOOD STORYTELLER!
WAIT, REDTAIL?
I THOUGHT THE CAT WHO KILLED OAKHEART WAS...
REDTAIL THEN RAN PAST ME TO HELP TIGERCLAW, FLINGING A RIVERCLAN WARRIOR OFF OF HIM...
...TIGERCLAW?
...into...
...the bushes...


THAT'S ENOUGH, RAVENPAW.
LOOK, THE CLAN LEADERS ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN.
AWWWW!
DO ALL THE SHADOWCLAN APPRENTICES LOOK SMALL TO YOU LATELY, OR IS IT JUST ME?
ALL CATS LOOK SMALL TO YOU AND TIGERCLAW, LIONHEART.
YOOWWL!
CATS OF ALL CLANS...
...WELCOME!
...
WHERE IS WINDCLAN?
SHOULDN'T WE WAIT FOR WINDCLAN?
IT IS TRUE THAT WINDCLAN IS NOT PRESENT.
BUT BROKENSTAR WISHES TO SPEAK ANYWAY.


FRIENDS, I COME TO YOU TONIGHT TO SPEAK ABOUT--
AS LEADER OF SHADOWCLAN, IT IS MY RIGHT TO ADDRESS YOU HERE!
HISSSS!!
WHERE IS TALLSTAR?
WE CANNOT START WITHOUT ALL FOUR CLANS!
yeah!
YOU MUST LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY!
THE HARSH LEAF-BARE AND LATE NEWLEAF HAS LEFT CATS OF ALL CLANS WITH SCARCE PREY.
STEP.
WE ALL KNOW THIS.
WE ALSO KNOW THAT WINDCLAN, RIVERCLAN, AND THUNDERCLAN HAVE LOST KITS TO THE CHILL.
BUT SHADOWCLAN KITS ARE BORN HARDENED TO THE COLD NORTH WIND.
OUR KITS ARE STRONG.
BUT STILL, THEY MUST BE FED.



THE NEEDS OF SHADOWCLAN ARE SIMPLE:
WE MUST EXPAND OUR HUNTING TERRITORY TO SURVIVE.
YOU MUST ALLOW SHADOWCLAN TO HUNT IN YOUR TERRITORIES.
SHARE HUNTING GROUNDS?!
THE CLANS HAVE NEVER DONE THIS!
THIS CANNOT BE!
WHAT ABOUT OUR OWN KITS?!
...I SEE.
WINDCLAN ALSO FAILED TO SEE THINGS OUR WAY.
MY WARRIORS AND I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DRIVE THEM OUT BY FORCE.
IF WE HAVE TO, WE WILL DRIVE YOU ALL OUT TO FEED OUR OWN.


I ...
...I HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO ALLOW SHADOWCLAN HUNTING RIGHTS IN THE RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH RIVERCLAN TERRITORY.
WITHOUT CONSULTING OUR CLAN?!
IT'S WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR CLAN.
FOR ALL CLANS.
AND YOU, BLUESTAR?
WHAT DOES THUNDERCLAN SAY?
I WILL DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL WITH MY CLAN, AFTER THE GATHERING.
tch.
IF YOU MUST.


WELL, AT LEAST THAT'S *SOMETHING.*
THUNDERCLAN WON'T GIVE UP AS EASY AS *RIVERCLAN*--
I HAVE ONE MORE PIECE OF NEWS.
A CAT FROM SHADOWCLAN HAS GONE *ROGUE* AND ABANDONED THE WARRIOR CODE.
A MANGY OLD CREATURE, BUT WITH A BITE TO RIVAL TIGERCLAN. *WE DROVE HER OUT.*
SHE IS DANGEROUS, AND MUST *NOT* BE OFFERED SHELTER OR MERCY.
UNTIL SHE IS CAUGHT AND KILLED...
WELL...
KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR KITS, I'D SAY.


HE MUST HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT YELLOWFANG!
I TOLD YOU SHE WAS DANGEROUS!
HISSSSSS!!
AND WE'VE LEFT THE CAMP PRACTICALLY UNDEFENDED!
BLUESTAR HAS TO SEE REASON AND GET RID OF HER AT ONCE!
FROSTFUR'S KITS...!
YELLOWFANG...
WE MUST RETURN TO CAMP AT ONCE AND DEAL WITH HER!
...A KIT-KILLER?!
COULD IT EVEN BE POSSIBLE?
I HAVE TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH, BEFORE THEY TEAR HER TO SHREDS!


YELLOWFANG!!
YELLOWFANG, WAKE UP! IT'S IMPORTANT!
mmmrp?
HERE STRAIGHT FROM THE GATHERING, ARE YOU?
SO BROKENSTAR INTENDS TO KEEP HIS PROMISE.
WHAT PROMISE?
TO CAST ME OUT OF EVERY CLAN TERRITORY.
WHAT DID HE TELL YOU?
HE SAID...


...HE SAID YOU WERE A DANGER TO OUR KITS.
YOU WEREN'T MENTIONED BY NAME, BUT THUNDERCLAN GUESSED WHO HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.
YOU'RE IN DANGER! THE OTHER CATS ARE SCARED AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO--
YOU MEAN THEY **BELIEVED** BROKENSTAR?
YELLOWFANG, WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT?
WOULD...
WOULD YOU **REALLY** DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
...IS THAT SOMETHING **YOU** THINK I WOULD DO, FIREPAW?


...NO, I KNOW YOU.
YELLOWFANG, I DON'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD EVER HARM A KIT.
BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO GO, NOW!
IF YOU DON'T, THEY'LL CATCH YOU, AND...
...a-and...
FIREPAW.
I'M TOO OLD TO RUN ANYMORE.
IF YOU BELIEVE ME, THEN OTHERS MIGHT, TOO.
I KNOW AT LEAST BLUESTAR WILL BE FAIR.
NOW GO, BEFORE YOU'RE FOUND HERE.
HAVE FAITH IN YOUR LEADER.
LET HER DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME.


BROKENSTAR HAS DEMANDED HUNTING RIGHTS FOR SHADOWCLAN IN OUR TERRITORY!
AND HE WARNED US ABOUT A ROGUE WHO COULD HARM OUR KITS!
HE MUST MEAN YELLOWFANG!
SILENCE!
YOWWL!!!
HOLD ON.
I GAVE NO ORDERS TO ATTACK OUR PRISONER!
THE KITS ARE SAFE!
THANK STARCLAN WE GOT BACK TO CAMP IN TIME!
mew!
OF COURSE THEY'RE SAFE!
BUT...
YOU ARE GOING TO THROW YELLOWFANG OUT, AREN'T YOU?


BROKENSTAR ONLY SAID THERE WAS A ROGUE.
HE DIDN'T MENTION YELLOWFANG BY NAME, AND OUR KITS ARE SAFE.
AS LONG AS SHE IS IN *THIS CLAN...*
YELLOWFANG IS NOT TO BE HARMED.
I WILL LEAVE NOW IF YOU WISH, BLUESTAR.
THERE IS NO NEED.
YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG.
THE *REAL* THREAT TO OUR CLAN NOW IS *BROKENSTAR HIMSELF.*
BROKENSTAR HAS DEMANDED HUNTING RIGHTS TO OUR TERRITORY, BUT I HAVE *NO INTENTION* OF GIVING IN.
BUT CAN WE EVEN *DEFEND OURSELVES* AGAINST SHADOWCLAN?
WINDCLAN WAS SCATTERED.
RIVERCLAN DIDN'T EVEN *TRY!*
THEN THUNDERCLAN *ALONE* WILL STAND AGAINST BROKENSTAR.
WE WILL NOT GIVE UP OUR TERRITORY WITHOUT A FIGHT!
THUNDERCLAN!!
YEAH!
HEAR, HEAR!


TOMORROW I WILL TRAVEL TO THE MOONSTONE TO SEEK COUNSEL WITH STARCLAN.
FIREPAW.
GRAYPAW.
RAVENPAW.
AND TIGERCLAW.
YOU WILL ACCOMPANY ME ON THE JOURNEY TO MOTHERMOUTH.
FOR NOW, GET SOME REST, ALL OF YOU.
WE HAVE A LOT TO DO COME DAYLIGHT.


NO!!!
WAKE UP, FIREPAW!
WE'RE LEAVING SOON, AND YOU STILL NEED TO TAKE YOUR *TRAVELING HERBS!*
...A DREAM?


THERE YOU GO! THESE WILL MAKE YOU STRONG FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD.
THANKS, SPOTTEDLEAF...
GRAYPAW...
WHAT IS THE MOONSTONE?
AND HOW CAN YOU TALK TO STARCLAN WITH IT?


I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW IT WORKS, BUT...
IT'S A ROCK DEEP UNDERGROUND THAT SHINES IN THE DARK.
LEADERS *DREAM* NEAR IT TO TALK TO STARCLAN, AND GAIN THEIR *NINE LIVES* AND *NEW NAME.*
LIONHEART SAYS IT'S A BIG STEP IN YOUR *WARRIOR TRAINING* TO TRAVEL THERE!
I WISH HE WAS COMING WITH US BUT *SOME* CAT HAS TO DEFEND THE CAMP!
DO YOU REALLY THINK *SHADOWCLAN* WILL TRY TO ATTACK WHILE WE'RE GONE?
I HOPE NOT! I DON'T WANT TO MISS THE ACTION!
BUT IF THEY DO--
I'M SURE THE *ILLUSTRIOUS LIONHEART* WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT.
NOW, PAY ATTENTION.
WE HAVE TO CROSS...
THE *THUNDERPATH.*
WE GO ONE AT A TIME.
YOU FIRST, *RAVENPAW.*


I WILL GO FIRST.
IT'S THE APPRENTICES' FIRST TIME CROSSING, AFTER ALL.
ALL CLEAR!


HOOONK!!!
CAN WE KEEP GOING?
YES, LET'S MOVE ON.
PANT PANT
BROKENSTAR WASN'T LYING.
I CAN'T SMELL *ANY* WINDCLAN SCENTS.
ONLY *SHADOWCLAN.*
THEY'RE *UPWIND,* SO THEY WON'T KNOW WE'RE HERE IF WE KEEP MOVING.
ALL CLANS ARE ENTITLED TO *SAFE PASSAGE* TO THE MOONSTONE, BUT...
SHADOWCLAN DOESN'T SEEM TO RESPECT THE WARRIOR CODE ANYMORE.

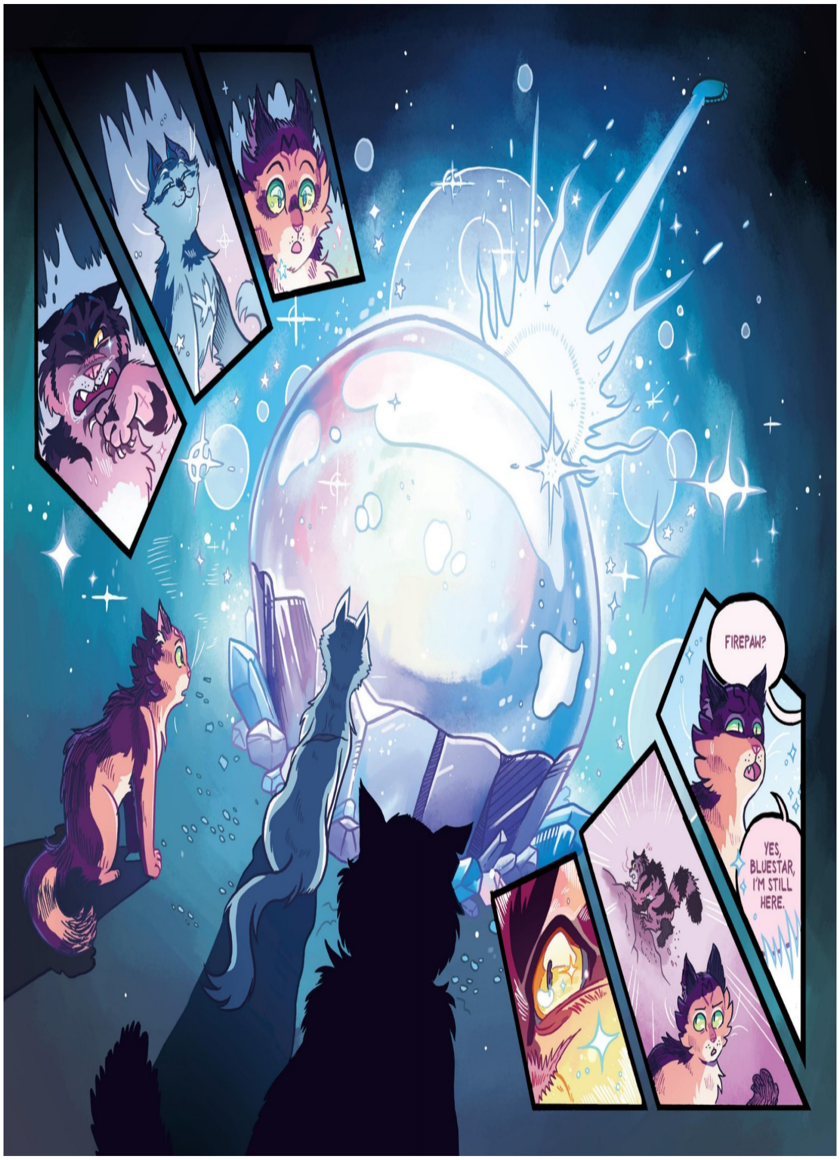

BARK BARK BARK
IT'S TIED UP.
PAY IT NO MIND.
LOOK.


MOTHERMOUTH.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE DARKNESS.
I KNOW THE WAY.
RAVENPAW AND GRAYPAW, YOU WILL STAND GUARD OUTSIDE.
FIREPAW AND TIGERCLAW...

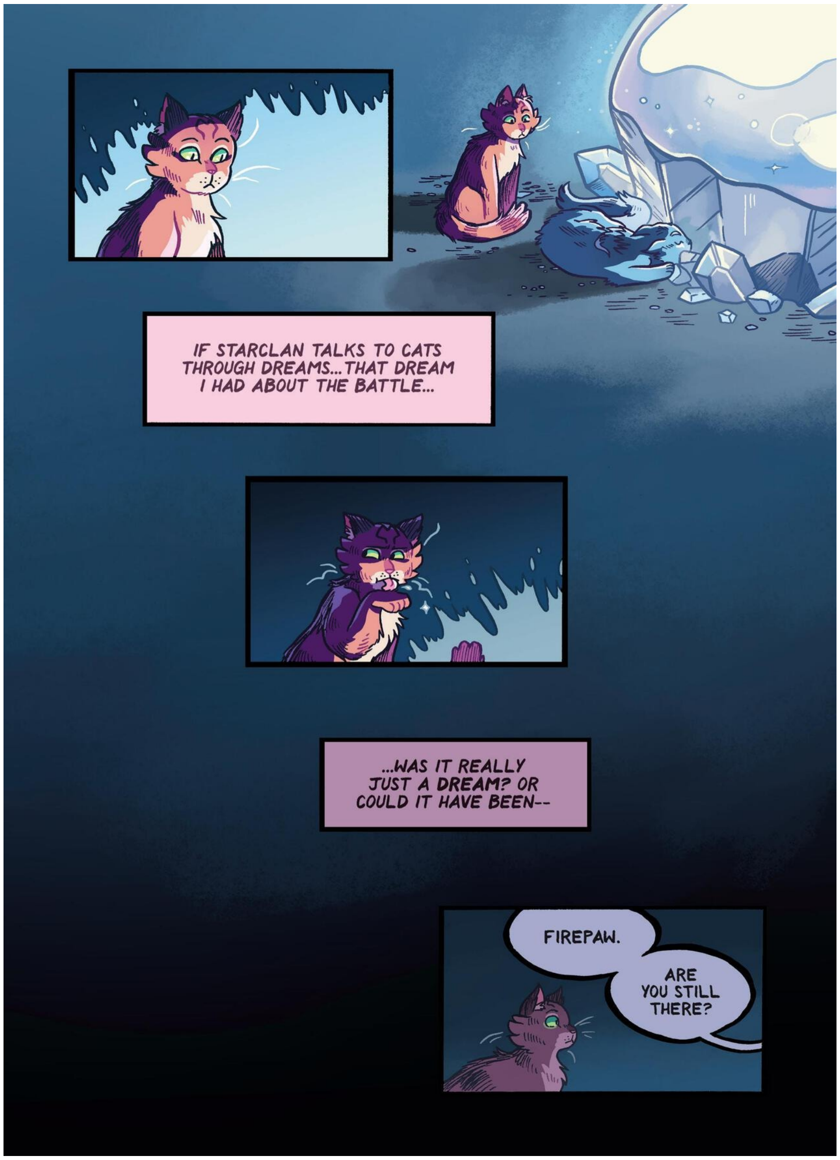

...YOU TWO WILL ACCOMPANY ME DOWN TO THE MOONSTONE.




WHERE ARE WE?
WE HAVE ENTERED THE CAVERN OF THE MOONSTONE.
WAIT HERE. IT WILL BE *MOONHIGH* SOON.


FIREPAW?
YES, BLUESTAR, I'M STILL HERE.


IT'S ALL RIGHT, YOUNG WARRIOR.
DON'T BE AFRAID.
IN THE WORLD ABOVE, TIGERCLAW IS A FIERCE AND MIGHTY WARRIOR.
BUT DOWN HERE, IN THE FULL LIGHT OF *STARCLAN'S POWER...*
...A CAT NEEDS A DIFFERENT KIND OF STRENGTH.
WHAT DO YOU FEEL, FIREPAW?
ONLY MY OWN *CURIOSITY.*
THAT IS GOOD.


IF STARCLAN TALKS TO CATS THROUGH DREAMS...THAT DREAM I HAD ABOUT THE BATTLE...
...WAS IT REALLY JUST A DREAM? OR COULD IT HAVE BEEN--
FIREPAW.
ARE YOU STILL THERE?


YES, BLUESTAR.
HURRY.
WE HAVE TO RETURN TO CAMP AT ONCE.
TIGERCLAW.
WHAT DID YOU LEARN?
WE MUST RETURN TO CAMP.
IMMEDIATELY.


DID TIGERCLAW SAY ANYTHING WHEN HE CAME OUT OF THE CAVE BEFORE?
JUST THAT HE WANTED TO CHECK ON US.
HE DID SEEM A LITTLE EDGY...
HE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE!
YOU JUMPED CLEAR OUT OF YOUR FUR WHEN HE SHOWED UP!
H-HE JUST SURPRISED ME!
THAT'S ALL!
SO FIREPAW, WHAT WAS THE MOONSTONE LIKE?
IT WAS AMAZING!
I --
HISSS!!
A LONER!
RELAX, THIS CAT IS A FRIEND.
HI!
THIS IS BARLEY.
HE LIVES NEAR THE TWOLEG NEST AROUND HERE.

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